

REMARKS

Applicant traverses the rejections of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pruitt Patent Number 5,615,418, claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite, as well as claims 5-7 which are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over Pruitt '418 for the reasons set forth in the prior amendment. Applicant understands from Examiner MUROMOTO that the application is in condition for allowance pending certain technical amendments and removal of drawings from the specification and inclusion into the formal drawings.

New formal drawings are included with this Amendment which have been discussed with the Examiner.

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It is respectfully requested that the amendments present place the application in condition for passage to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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